GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3647
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
GAZILITAND MINES ACCIDENT IN BCCL
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 2461 dated August 08, 2000 and state:

(a) the stages of the cases pending in the court in connection with the Gazlitand mine disaster;

(b) whether disciplinary departmental action has been taken against them;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps taken against the persons held responsible by the Mukherjee Commission in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) State of Bihar launched prosecution proceedings against the following officials of BCCL in the appropriate Court at Dhanbad.

1. Shri Bijendra Kumar, Agent, Gazlitand Colliery

2. Shri Nagendra Singh, Sr. Under Manager, Gazlitand Colliery

3. Shri Srikumar Ghosh, Sr. Asstt. Manager, Gazlitand Colliery

4. Shri S K Dutta, Colliery Engineer, Gazlitand Colliery

5. Shri Pashupatinath Verma, Safety Officer, Gazlitand Colliery
6. Shri Dasai Ram, Khalasi(Engine), Gazlitand Colliery

7 Shri Bali Saw, Banksman, Gazlitand Colliery

8. Shri Birju Rabidas, Boiler Operator, Gazlitand Colliery

9. Shri Raj Kumar Bhuia, Boiler Operator, Gazlitand Colliery
10. Shri P C Sood, AGM, Katras Area
11. Shri Ramesh Khanna, CGM, Katras Area
12. Shri R D Jain, Dy. CME, Katras Area
13. Shri Dumar Mahato, Mining Sirdar, Gazlitand Colliery
14. Shri S.N. Upadhyay, Overman, Gazlitand Colliery
15. Shri Bhawani Prasad Mahato, Attendance Clerk, Gazlitand Colliery

Prosecution against Shri Ramesh Khanna and Shri P C Sood were quashed by Hon'ble Patna High Court(Ranchi Bench).

(b) & (c): The following employees have been charge- sheeted on the basis of inquiry conducted by Internal Safety Organisation, Coal India Limited, Calcutta and the departmental inquiry is in progress.

1. Shri Bijendra Kumar, Agent, Gazlitand Colliery

2. Shri Nagendra Singh, Sr. Under Manager, Gazlitand Colliery

3. Shri Pashupatinath Verma, Safety Officer, Gazlitand Colliery

4. Shri Raj Kumar Bhuia, Boiler Operator, Gazlitand Colliery

(d): The Mukherjee Committee report has upheld the findings of inquiry under Section 23
(ii) of the Mines Act conducted by Shri Bhaskar Battacharjee from Directorate General Mines Safety regarding fixing the responsibility on the persons. DGMS has called for the explanation from the following officers: -

a. Shri Ramesh Khanna, CGM, Katras Area
b. Shri P C Sood, AGM, Katras Area
c. Shri R D Jain, Dy. CME, Katras Area
d. Shri Bijendra Kumar, Agent, Gazlitand Colliery
e. Shri Nagendra Singh, Sr. Under Manager, Gazlitand Colliery
f. Shri Pashupatinath Verma, Safety Officer, Gazlitand Colliery
g. Shri Srikumar Ghosh, Sr. Asstt. Manager, Gazlitand Colliery
h. Shri Raj Kumar Bhuia, Boiler Operator, Gazlitand Colliery

It is also stated that none of the above officers have been promoted so far as per recommendation of the Mukherjee Commission report